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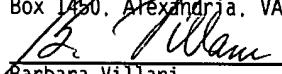
Discussion

Japanese No. 2000-280550 discloses a cutter mechanism in which a movable blade is removable from a stationary blade. However, the publication does not disclose a mechanism that is enabled to carry out exchange of parts easily by providing a first unit removable from a housing and a second unit removable from the first unit the first unit including either one of a printing head and platen constituting a printing mechanism and either one of the movable blade and stationary blade constituting

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the cutter mechanism and, the second unit including the other elements of the printing mechanism and the cutter mechanism.

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